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JOHN E. TOOLAN

Middlesex Assistant Prosecutor in 1922
Now a Prosecutor

While the 1922 investigation was under Prosecutor Beekman, Toolan interrogated a number of witnesses including Mrs. Hall on September 23 when Anthony Silzer, a stenographer, took down her examination. No lawyer was present at Mrs. Hall's examination and Toolan did not think she asked for one. Mrs. Hall answered every question asked. Toolan interrogated Mr. William Stevens once after September 23. He requested the Hall servants to produce everything that might assist in the investigation but they produced nothing. Before September 23 Toolan went through Dr. Hall's desk in the study of his house, Mrs. Hall sitting beside him after the first ten minutes. He was in the Hall house about one hour. Found no love letters and no papers of sufficient value to remove. Toolan made this search as if Mrs. Hall was not present and she made no objection.

Toolan always had to talk to the Hall family through an intermediary. He did not want to ask for a search warrant to go through the house and therefore wanted permission to make a search. He obtained access to the house through the following subterfuge: Miss Sallie Peters was in his office and made the statement that the family was interested and doing everything possible to aid in the investigation and Toolan then said he wanted to go to the Hall house immediately. Thereupon Miss Peters talked to the Hall house on the telephone and told him that he had better not go through that day because Mrs. Hall was ill. However Toolan insisted on going at once and did. When Mrs. Hall joined him she did not seem to him ill or indisposed. Toolan's recollection was not clear about the second statement made by Mrs. Hall at the Prosecutor's office though he knew one was made.

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August 16, 1926.

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TESTIFIED (Page 215, et seq.):

The 1922 investigation was under Prosecutor Beekman but Toolan did interrogate a great number of witnesses, including Mrs. Hall on September 23. Anthony Silzer, a stenographer, took down the examination (215).

CROSS-EXAMINATION:

No lawyer present when Mrs. Hall's statement was made and Toolan could not recall whether Mrs. Hall asked to have a laywer present, but didn't think she did (219).

Mrs. Hall answered all questions asked (220).

Request made of servants to produce everything that might assist in investigation but nothing produced (220.).

Toolan went through Dr. Hall's desk in study before September 23rd.(220)

Mrs. Hall did not interfere with search but did not invite Prosecutor up. He entered through a subterfuge (220-221).

Miss Sallie Peters was at the Prosecutor's office. Said that the family was interested in doing everything possible to aid in the investigation and then Toolan said they wanted to go to Hall House immediately (221).

Miss Peters replied that Mrs. Hall was indisposed and requested Toolan not to go that day. However he insisted on going at once, which he did. This was the subterfuge (221-2).

Mrs. Hall sat beside Toolan while he was going through Dr. Hall's desk and she did not seem to him ill or indisposed so far as he could see (222).

Toolan's recollection was not clear about Mrs. Hall's second statement at the Prosecutor's office though he knew one was made (222-3).

Toolan, after September 23rd, interrogated William Stevens once (223).

REDIRECT:

Sallie Peters talked to the Hall house on the telephone before saying to Toolan that he had better not go through the house that day because Mrs. Hall was ill (224-5).

Toolan did not want to ask for a search warrant to go through the Hall house and therefore wanted permission (226).

Miss Peters accompanied him to the house. Mrs. Hall joined him about ten minutes after he commenced his search (227).

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Toolan searched as if she was not there and Mrs. Hall did not object. He was in the house about an hour (239).

Always had to talk to the Hall family through an intermediary (240).

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Toolan found no papers of sufficient value to remove (241).

No love letters (241).